

To: Hector Vega[hector.vega@lacity.org]
From: Juan Fregoso
Sent: Tue 1/21/2020 7:24:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Echo Park Sweep Planned for 1/24

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From: Michael Dickerson [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 10:43 AM
Subject: Re: Echo Park Sweep Planned for 1/24
To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

All I see is a sign saying 25 tents are going to be removed. Is LAHSA going to help replace the tents? What services will be immediately available once the tents are taken? Please be specific as shelter capacity is often stretched.

Best,
Mike

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020, 10:14 AM Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

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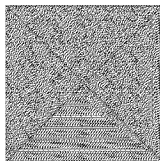
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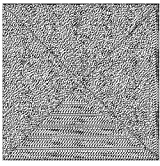


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To: William Ayala[william.ayala@lacity.org]; David Cano[david.cano@lacity.org]; Juan Fregoso[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]
From: Jeanne Min
Sent: Fri 1/31/2020 1:03:48 AM
Subject: Fwd: CPRA Request

Please conduct this search for the dates indicated and print them out for me. Thanks.
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Date: January 30, 2020 at 4:22:03 PM PST
To: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>
Subject: Fwd: CPRA Request

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From: **Matt Wait** [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 3:15 PM
Subject: Re: CPRA Request
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Good afternoon,
It has been 10 business days, I'd like to inquire about the status of this request.

Thank you.

On Tue, Jan 14, 2020 at 11:40 AM Matt Wait [REDACTED] wrote:

Jan 14 2020
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Echo Park, CA 90026

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the state open records law Cal. Gov't Code Secs. 6250 to 6277, I write to request access to and a copy of all emails sent and received by Mitch O'Farrell's office from 1/1/20 to 1/14/20 with regards to either homeless/unhoused people in Echo Park, LA City Park Rangers, LAPD and/or sanitation sweeps/CARE teams. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$500. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

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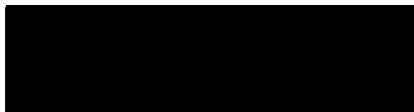
If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of court costs and reasonable attorney fees. See Sec. 6259(d).

Thank you for your assistance.

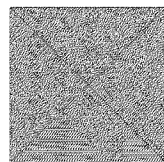
Sincerely,

John Wait



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With kind regards,



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From: william.ayala@lacity.org
Sent: Mon 1/13/2020 10:11:51 PM
Subject: Fwd: Don't Disrupt the Homeless Count: We Demand A Moratorium on Sweeps

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From: **Ktown for All** <ktownforall@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 1:41 PM

Subject: Don't Disrupt the Homeless Count: We Demand A Moratorium on Sweeps

To: <mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org>, <councilmember.martinez@lacity.org>

Cc: <hmarston@lahsa.org>, <councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org>, <councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org>, <david.ryu@lacity.org>, <councilmember.rodriquez@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.price@lacity.org>, <councilmember.wesson@lacity.org>, <councilmember.bonin@lacity.org>, <councilmember.Lee@lacity.org>, <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>, <councilmember.huizar@lacity.org>, <councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org>, <councilmember.cedillo@lacity.org>

Hello Councilmembers and Mayor,

Below is an open letter demanding a moratorium on sweeps through the duration of the homeless count. We believe that council-directed sweeps during this time not only impact the accuracy of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, but that they also raise questions about conflicts of interest for individual council members. As the leadership of Los Angeles, we hope you will use your power to do what's right in this situation.

Sincerely,
Ktown for All

To:

Mayor Eric Garcetti

City Council President Nury Martinez

CC:

Councilmembers Gil Cedillo, Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield, David E. Ryu, Paul Koretz, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren D. Price Jr., Herb J. Wesson Jr., Mike Bonin, John Lee, Mitch O'Farrell, Jose Huizar, Joe Buscaino, Acting Executive Director of LAHSA Heidi Marston

A Moratorium on Sweeps to Protect The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

An Open Letter from Ktown for All

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Dear Mayor Garcetti, Council President Martinez, and Others,

We're writing to you out of a concern for the integrity of LAHSA's annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, scheduled to run from January 21st through January 23rd. In the past week, there have been several major sweeps at large homeless encampments in several districts. With just over a week before the count is set to begin, these enforcement actions create additional problems above and beyond their typical damaging impact on the lives of homeless individuals. Specifically, sweeps requested by local politicians are creating potential problems for the integrity and political neutrality of the count. This is not just an issue heading towards the larger count; LAHSA's demographic survey is currently underway, meaning that encampment sweeps are already undermining this research.

In the interest of maintaining the accuracy and integrity of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, we demand

a moratorium on enforcement actions aimed at clearing camps or confiscating property. Any sweeps between now and the conclusion of surveying activities necessarily disrupt the accuracy of the count. Moreover, the involvement of individual council offices in determining the locations and extent of LAPD/LASAN encampment enforcement creates a conflict of interest for Councilmembers, calling into question the motivations for ordering these cleanup operations.

Recently, [emails became public](#) showing that several councilmembers are pushing the Department of Sanitation to take a more aggressive enforcement posture during encampment cleanups, aimed at removing property and enforcing tent rules. When paired with last week's action in the Sepulveda Basin, which displaced at least 100 homeless residents, and today's Echo Park Lake operation displacing 60 people, Ktown for All is deeply concerned that LA's City Council is using strategically timed and targeted encampment cleanups to alter the homeless count by reducing the number of homeless people in their districts temporarily.

This is not a new concern. In 2019, on the same day as the homeless count, a sweep was conducted at the largest encampment in Koreatown near 4th Street and Shatto Place. This cleanup led to the confiscation of at least five tents and the displacement of several residents. Given the location of this encampment just blocks from the border between CD13 and CD10, the result was to push people from one district into another. Whether or not these actions prior to the count are politically driven or not, the proximity to the count creates the perception that City Councilmembers are attempting to game the homeless count estimates to improve perceptions of their performance in office.

Heidi Marston, Acting Director of LAHSA, was recently quoted in an [ABC7 story](#) on the Homeless Count, noting "homelessness is dynamic and it changes day over day, year over year, so doing this count helps us see who are the people that are experiencing homelessness, how have their needs changed year over year so we can make sure we're aligning our resources to best address those needs." The integrity of the count is a crucial part of planning homeless services for the following year, and for tracking changes over time. The purpose of the homeless count is to provide accurate figures for local, state, and federal planning, which justifies the \$1.5 million taxpayers spend conducting the count each year. When cleanups in the immediate run up to the count significantly alter the makeup of existing encampments, it creates questions about the accuracy of the numbers generated, undermining this expensive and important program.

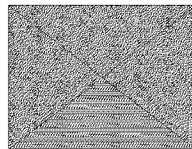
We do not want to see services like mobile bathroom provisions and trash pickups disrupted. These do not create problems for the count, and do in fact address concerns raised by both housed and unhoused residents of Los Angeles. However, sweeps at this time are inappropriate and disruptive.

As the city's leaders on homelessness, it falls on you to ensure the integrity of the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. We implore you to cancel planned sweeps in the run up to this event, so that Los Angeles can have the most accurate possible understanding of our city's greatest problem.

Sincerely,

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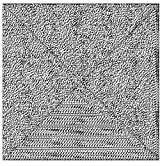
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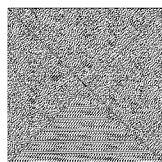
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To: juan.fregoso@lacity.orgjuan.fregoso@lacity.org
From: SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition
Sent: Fri 1/24/2020 9:03:32 PM
Subject: 1/24 - LA's Stricter Clean-up Strategy & Echo Park Lake Residents at Risk

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Hello, SELAH Volunteers-

This Tuesday, Emily Alpert Reyes reported that city sanitation officials would begin performing more aggressive clean-ups at LA's encampment sites starting that day. The move comes just months after the city began enacting their CARE program, a system that would finally treat our homeless neighbors with the respect and dignity they deserve.

The new sanitation strategy announced on Tuesday includes the following policies:

- Municipal Code 56.11 will be enforced more strictly, allowing clean-ups to remove personal items they deem bulky
- LAPD will be pre-deployed more frequently
- Sanitation teams only need to give 24 hours advance notice of clean-ups
- Tents will be required to be down from 6am to 9pm, meaning those who have permanent encampment locations are at a higher risk of losing their tents and personal items
- LAPD and Sanitation have authority to perform clean-ups in parks without the cooperation of Recreation and Parks

We at SELAH are deeply dismayed at the city's lack of patience for the CARE program announced last summer. Since being enacted in October, life became a bit less stressful for our program participants. The LAPD's homeless coordinator even argued that the low rate at which police were being called to assist CARE (8.2%) was an effect of the ties being made between city workers and the homeless. Instead of the city cooperating with homeless individuals on keeping their areas clean, sanitation workers now have full authority to remove items at their will.

This announcement coincides with more aggressive sweeps, such as the one occurring in the Sepulveda Basin, leading into the city's homeless count that occurred earlier this week throughout the city.

If you'd like to express your dissatisfaction with this change in strategy, please submit a public comment on Council File 19-0609.

Echo Park Lake Clean-ups

Earlier this morning, sanitation workers attempted to remove the belongings of our friends at Echo Park Lake, despite the organized and clean community they keep there. All of these sanitation efforts came after the unhoused community issued a powerful [letter](#) to the city council member representing Echo Park. In the letter, EPL residents urged Councilmember O'Farrell to pause clean-ups at this location and to discuss in person a way to effectively maintain the sanitation needs of their EPL encampments.

Thankfully, a group of EPL residents and homeless advocates successfully protested and prevented the clean-up from occurring. With that said, there is a chance sanitation workers may return at some point later today and we are monitoring the situation.

Please follow what's going on at Echo Park and how you can join any future protests via these twitter accounts:

- [Street Watch LA](#)
- [Ktown for All](#)
- [Emily Alpert Reyes](#)
- [JD Carrere](#)

Moving on to our programs, last weekend's events went great and we're continuing with our Saturday Supper program tomorrow. There are opportunities to sign up for future engagements in February at the bottom of this e-mail. Unfortunately, all our new and returning Saturday Supper opportunities for February have filled up, though experienced volunteers are encouraged to sign up for opportunities available to them.

Thanks for reading and hope to see you at one of our events.

Sincerely,
The SELAH Team

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To: Juan Fregoso[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]; Mitch O'Farrell[councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org]
From: Keith Gmail
Sent: Fri 1/24/2020 10:35:47 PM
Subject: Re: Echo Park tents

Please don't be intimidated by the activists, although their intentions are good they are trying to set up a permanent encampment at Echo Park Lake. We all know this is unsustainable and dangerous. Please be a leader and get this situation under control, the activists are not going to relent so there will need to be some real leadership to get these people out of the park and into housing.

Thank you

Concerned voter, Keith

On Jan 14, 2020, at 5:07 PM, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Keith,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. There was no scheduled service day for the Lake this week. We are not sure where the information came from, but thank you for sharing your thoughts.

We are working with several City Departments involved to bring the needed services to individuals as well as working to get compliance. We are waiting to get a date for a service day at the lake.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a call to further discuss our some of the different things we are working on when it comes to the Homeless Issues not only at the Lake but throughout Echo Park.

Thank you again for reaching out to our office, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 4:12 PM Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org> wrote:

Greetings,

We appreciate you contacting our office and remarks -- I am including (CC'd) our Field Deputy **Juan Fregoso** who would be the representative on behalf of the Councilmember O'Farrell for the area of Echo Park and may provide information on this concern. Thank you again.

My best,

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 3:51 PM Keith Shapiro [REDACTED] wrote:

Councilman,

I am a compassionate person but I disagree with the loud parade of activists decrying the controversial Echo Park homeless sweep.

Of course we should try to continue to find permanent supportive housing for all homeless. However, I walk by each morning and there are many young people who congregate in the middle of that tent city, they look like they have no intention of going anywhere. It's ok to draw a line and say it's not ok to permanently live in a public park.

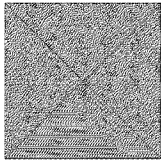
Do not let people shame you, we can all work together to end this disaster but you need to draw a line somewhere! I certainly support the units at the old Bob Baker Theater.

Thank you

Concerned voter, Keith

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With kind regards,



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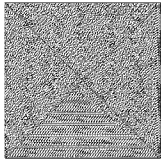
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From: SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition
Sent: Fri 1/31/2020 7:59:40 PM
Subject: 1/31 - Comedy Fundraiser, Echo Park Lake Updates, & Adam Conner's Op-Ed

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Hello, SELAH Volunteers-

Before updating you on some news from the week and upcoming events we can use your help at, I wanted to quickly plug our comedy fundraiser occurring at The Satellite on Wednesday 2/12. Giulia Rozzi has put together an awesome line-up of SELAH volunteers and supporters, so we hope to see you all there!



A Night For Our Unhoused Neighbors: A Comedy Show Benefiting SELAH

Wednesday, February 12 - The Satellite, Silver Lake

Doors open at 8:00 pm

[Get your tickets here](#)



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Echo Park Lake Updates

Last week, we wrote to you about the planned Echo Park Lake clean-ups that were thwarted by a collection of the park's residents and dedicated advocates. We recommend you read Lexis-Olivier Ray's [article](#) posted via Invisible People for a great account of exactly what happened last Friday.

Since then, our friends at Echo Park Lake have been safe from any devastating sweeps, but we know that can change in a heartbeat. As advocates, we need to continue monitoring the situation and stick up for our neighbors when they're at risk.

If you want to get involved at Echo Park Lake and meet the great people who live there, Street Watch LA is arranging an event you can attend this weekend.

"Pitchin' in the Park" is a Community Power Potluck at Glendale Blvd & Park Ave. The event starts at 12p this Saturday, 2/1.

From Street Watch LA:

"We'll need folks to volunteer to bring food, beverages, utensils, blankets, tables, printed materials, and possibly sign making materials -- some residents have expressed interest in making signs and doing a peaceful march around the lake as the sun is setting to raise awareness to this loving community."

If you aren't volunteering with us at our Saturday Supper event and same-day engagements on 2/1, please consider attending this great event. You can RSVP [here](#).

Adam Conover's Op-Ed on the Detrimental Effects of Sweeps

Earlier this week, SELAH posted an [amazing op-ed](#) written by our organizing committee member, Adam Conover.

In the piece, Adam (who is also performing at our show on 2/12) writes:

"The fact is that while some might find encampments difficult to look at, they also offer at least the barest modicum of stability and community to those who live in them. Razing encampments does nothing to reduce homelessness; it only makes the problem more dire and dangerous, forcing unhoused people back into a daily nightmare of searching for shelter in doorways and on sidewalks."

Adam also includes a list of common sense steps the city can take to improve the way it cooperates with homeless residents to maintain their spaces in a humane and logical way.

If you haven't already, we recommend you give the [op-ed](#) a read and share it via social media or directly with someone you think should read it.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

If you have taken our engagement training and/or have already done engagement with SELAH, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities available for the remainder of the month. Please note, we are currently planning on scheduling engagement trainings for new volunteers on 2/16 and 3/1. Be on the lookout for registration info for those events in the upcoming weeks.

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Cc: Jeanne Min[jeanne.min@lacity.org]; Craig Bullock[craig.bullock@lacity.org]; Juan Fregoso[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]
From: Jacob Woocher
Sent: Thur 1/23/2020 5:16:36 PM
Subject: Re: St. Vincent Hospital -- good idea!

I'll see what I can do. You should know, though, that your office's stance towards unhoused residents otherwise is pretty disgusting. It's really hard for people who genuinely care about these people and who want to stop the sweeps to work with your office on anything after what Mitch pulled with LAMC 41.18 and his total lack of concern for the unhoused residents at Echo Park lake.

On Wed, Jan 22, 2020 at 7:17 AM Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org> wrote:

Thanks Jacob. We could use your help in generating letters of support.

If your folks could send emails voicing their support on this issue to councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org — we will submit them for the public record in the Council File.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, Jacob Woocher [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi all,
Credit where credit is due. I think the work Councilmember O'Farrell is doing to repurpose the hospital for housing is great -- exactly the type of thinking we need to actually make a dent in this crisis.

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Tony Arranaga
Communications Director,
Office of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
213-258-9533

To: Mitch O'Farrell[mitch.ofarrell@lacity.org]; Jeanne Min[jeanne.min@lacity.org]; Marisol Salguero[marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org]; Juan Fregoso[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]; Hector Vega[hector.vega@lacity.org]
From: Tony Arranaga
Sent: Thur 1/23/2020 11:54:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Echo Park Lake letter

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From: **Alpert, Emily** <Emily.Alpert@latimes.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 3:53 PM
Subject: Echo Park Lake letter
To: Tony Arranaga <tony.arranaga@lacity.org>

Hi Tony – I saw that the activists and people living in the encampment at Echo Park Lake sent the letter below to the councilman. What does he think of the letter? Is he interested in the “community contract” they’re suggesting here?

I’m at 213-785-4286. Many thanks,

Emily

Dear Mr. O’ Farrell,

We, the unhoused residents of Echo Park Lake, are coming to you as your constituents, and fellow human beings to express our fear, grief, and anger in regards to the severe harassment and persecution we have felt at the hands of law enforcement and city employees over the past three months. We have built a community at this lake that is now made up of more than 60 people, and we are facing the threat of eviction and being displaced from our community, the family we have built here every single day, and we are devastated.

We are appealing to you today because we are hoping that as our council member, you will stand by us and work WITH us to develop a solution. We need you to hear us, and we would like to share our stories with you. We care about this lake, we want to HELP keep it clean — the fact that we do not have homes does not mean that we are dirty, dangerous, drug users, or unemployed (many of us have lived and worked in CD13 for over a decade). We hope you understand what this lake means to us— this has become our home in what is one of the darkest times of most of our lives. Having camaraderie and connection to those who care about us (which is what we have here) is an integral part of our future success.

We did not end up unhoused by choice, nor do we desire to stay on the streets forever. At this point there is no viable option for shelter within, or near CD13 for all of us. Many of us have tried to enter the shelter system elsewhere, and do not feel safe or comfortable returning to those places. Many of us have section 8 vouchers, many of us are on 2-3 year long waiting lists for programs that would lead to permanent supportive housing. But what we need and what we desire is to create a solution within this city council district, our home.

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Yours truly,
Your constituents of Echo Park Lake

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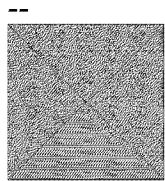
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Sent: Fri 1/17/2020 7:42:40 PM
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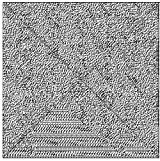
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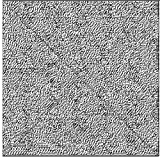
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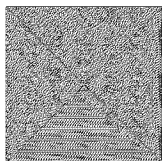
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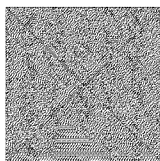
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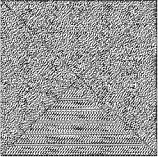
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To: Juan Fregoso[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]
From: Michael Dickerson
Sent: Tue 1/21/2020 6:43:04 PM
Subject: Re: Echo Park Sweep Planned for 1/24

All I see is a sign saying 25 tents are going to be removed. Is LAHSA going to help replace the tents? What services will be immediately available once the tents are taken? Please be specific as shelter capacity is often stretched.

Best,
Mike

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020, 10:14 AM Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Michael,

There will be a full service day on the 24th at the Lake.

Signs were posted last Friday and LAHSA is scheduled for outreach throughout the week to make sure everyone is aware of the scheduled service day this coming Friday.

On Fri, Jan 17, 2020 at 11:08 AM Michael Dickerson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

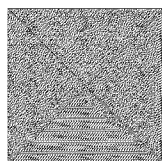
Hello Councilmember O'Farrell and Mr. Fregoso,
Please consider this email formal notice of the sweep scheduled for Echo Park next Friday (1/24). I've attached an image of the posting for your records.

I've been told your office was caught unaware of the last sweep there a week ago, so I wanted to make sure your office was up-to-date on these postings.

If someone could confirm receipt of this message, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks
Mike Dickerson

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From: william.ayala@lacity.org
Sent: Tue 1/14/2020 12:10:34 AM
Subject: Fwd: Echo Park tents

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From: Keith Shapiro [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 3:51 PM
Subject: Echo Park tents
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Councilman,

I am a compassionate person but I disagree with the loud parade of activists decrying the controversial Echo Park homeless sweep.

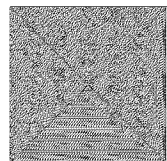
Of course we should try to continue to find permanent supportive housing for all homeless. However, I walk by each morning and there are many young people who congregate in the middle of that tent city, they look like they have no intention of going anywhere. It's ok to draw a line and say it's not ok to permanently live in a public park.

Do not let people shame you, we can all work together to end this disaster but you need to draw a line somewhere! I certainly support the units at the old Bob Baker Theater.

Thank you

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To: Sylvan De la Cruz[sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org]
From: Juan Fregoso
Sent: Wed 1/29/2020 7:53:50 PM
Subject: Fwd: South Madison Avenue Update
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Hey Sylvan,

Wanted to flag a cul de sac at the end of Madison at Beverly Blvd.

Neighbors state there is some trash and debris. Is this something the team can keep on their radar. It looks like they might be able to service.

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From: Renee Balais [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Jan 27, 2020 at 6:53 AM
Subject: Re: South Madison Avenue Update
To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

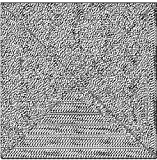
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From: william.ayala@lacity.org
Sent: Fri 1/24/2020 4:28:02 PM
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Mitch O'Farrell from Echo Park Lake residents

We received the email yesterday after 5pm.

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Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2020 at 5:04 PM
Subject: Letter to Mitch O'Farrell from Echo Park Lake residents
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

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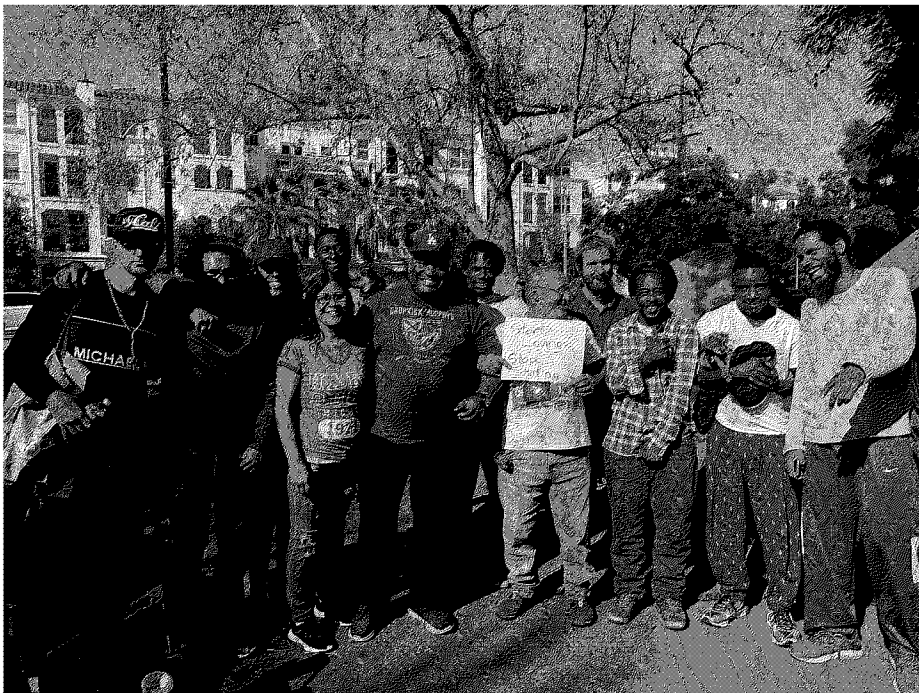
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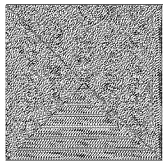
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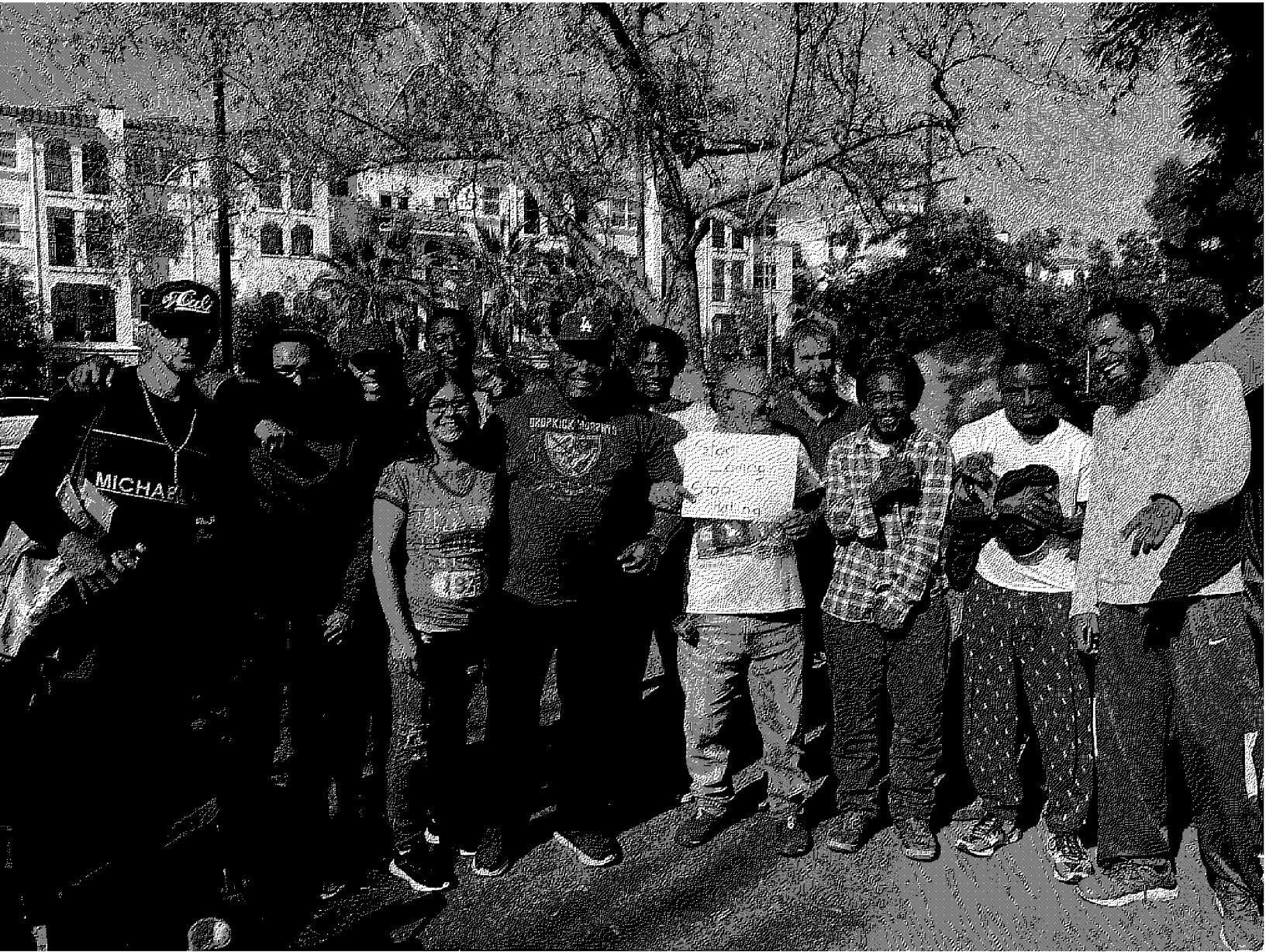
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Date: Fri, Jan 24, 2020 at 6:14 PM
Subject: Re: Letter to Mitch O'Farrell from Echo Park Lake residents
To: Housing & Homelessness <hnh@dsa-la.org>

Dear Jordan, Jasmine, Lloyd, and Bobby:

The Councilmember received your letter and asked that I reply on his behalf.

Thank you for sharing your stories. We strongly encourage you and any other constituents who need assistance with housing to contact my office at (213) 207-3015 with your LAHSA caseworker's name and phone number so we may schedule an appointment to assist in expediting your case.

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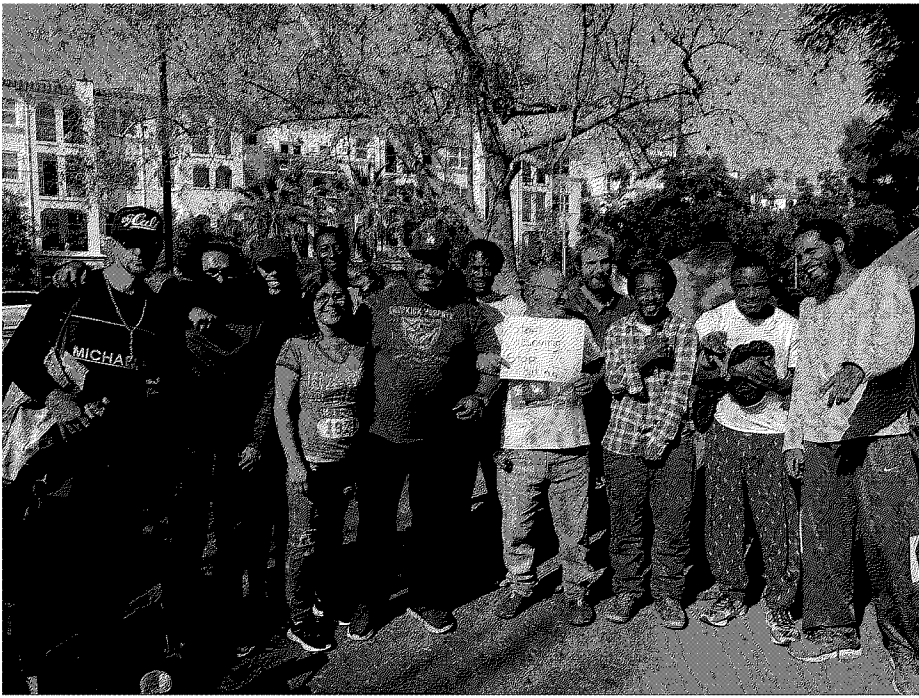
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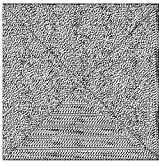
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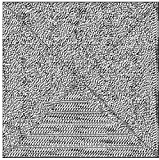


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From: Juan Fregoso
Sent: Tue 1/21/2020 10:41:02 PM
Subject: Re: CPRA Request
City of Los Angeles Mail - 20+ Tents today - Echo Park Lake.pdf
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Please see attached documents I have for this request.

On Fri, Jan 17, 2020 at 11:43 AM Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org> wrote:

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From: Mitch O'Farrell <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>
Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2020 at 11:38 AM
Subject: Fwd: CPRA Request
To: Jeanne Min <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

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From: Matt Wait [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jan 14, 2020 at 11:41 AM
Subject: CPRA Request
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

Jan 14 2020
1722 Sunset Blvd
Echo Park, CA 90026

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to the state open records law Cal. Gov't Code Secs. 6250 to 6277, I write to request access to and a copy of all emails sent and received by Mitch O'Farrell's office from 1/1/20 to 1/14/20 with regards to either homeless/unhoused people in Echo Park, LA City Park Rangers, LAPD and/or sanitation sweeps/CARE teams. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$500. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

As provided in the open records law, Sec. 6253(c), I will expect your response within ten (10) business days.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

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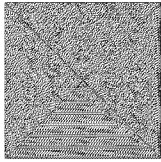
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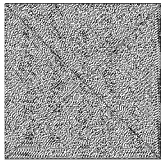
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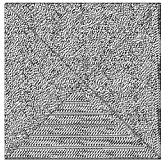
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20+ Tents today - Echo Park Lake

2 messages

Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 3:03 PM

to: Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org, Debby.Kim@lacity.org, councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org, jeanne.min@lacity.org, juan.fregoso@lacity.org, Ricardo Flores <Ricardo.X.Flores@lacity.org>

Dear Councilman Cedillo, O'Farrell and teams,

I'm writing as an eight-year resident of Angeleno Heights. Every day I walk around Echo Park lake and I'm shocked to continue to see our law enforcement not take action in enforcing our city codes related to homeless encampments. Over the last few months I've watched the tents grow from a handful to, just today, over 20. It's simply out of control and I expect better from our city. I understand our state has a severe homelessness crisis, however, to allow one of the city's few park areas to become an encampment is not acceptable. Last year I spent several months trying to help a homeless man, Kirk. Kirk took up residence on Kensington Road in front of residential houses on the sidewalk and refused city services and shelter. Over the course of these months he built an encampment 15+ feet long and 3 feet high on our residential street. He became increasingly distraught, unstable and a safety concern for our neighborhood. After about 4 months the city took down his encampment and he moved on.

With each day, more tents appear in Echo Park along the lake, and with it drugs, garbage and bulky items across the park and in the streets creating a public health hazard. I do not feel safe walking in this public park now. Encampments continue to appear in the bushes along the 101 freeway and Bellevue as well. I don't even know where to begin about Glendale Ave. between the 101 and 2 freeways.

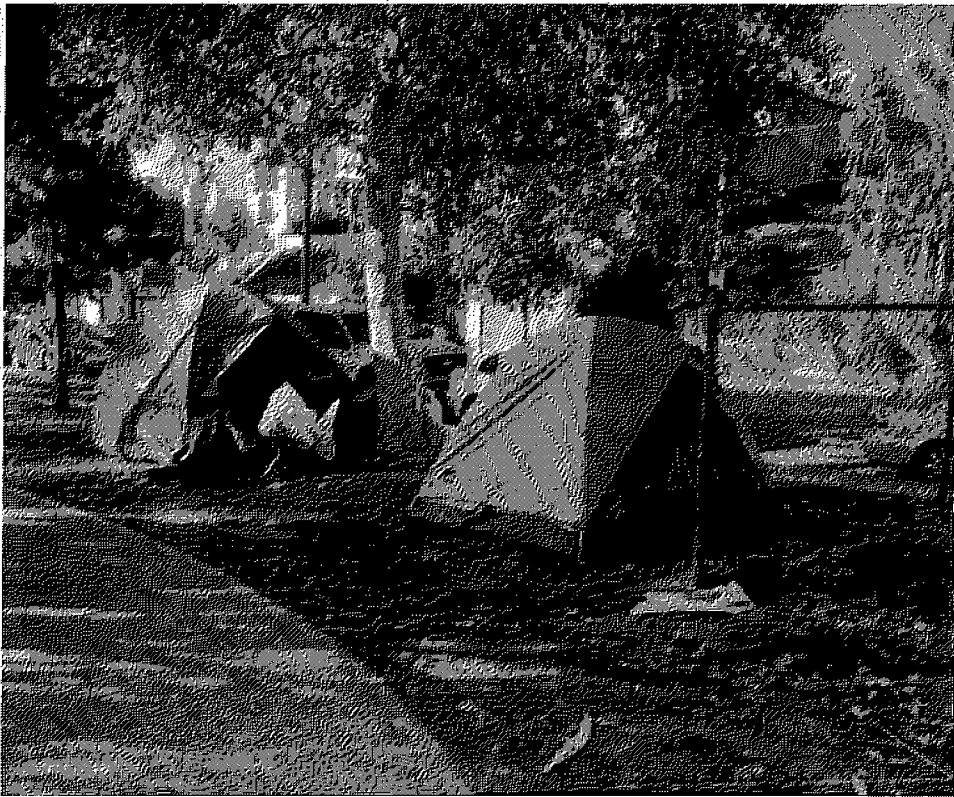
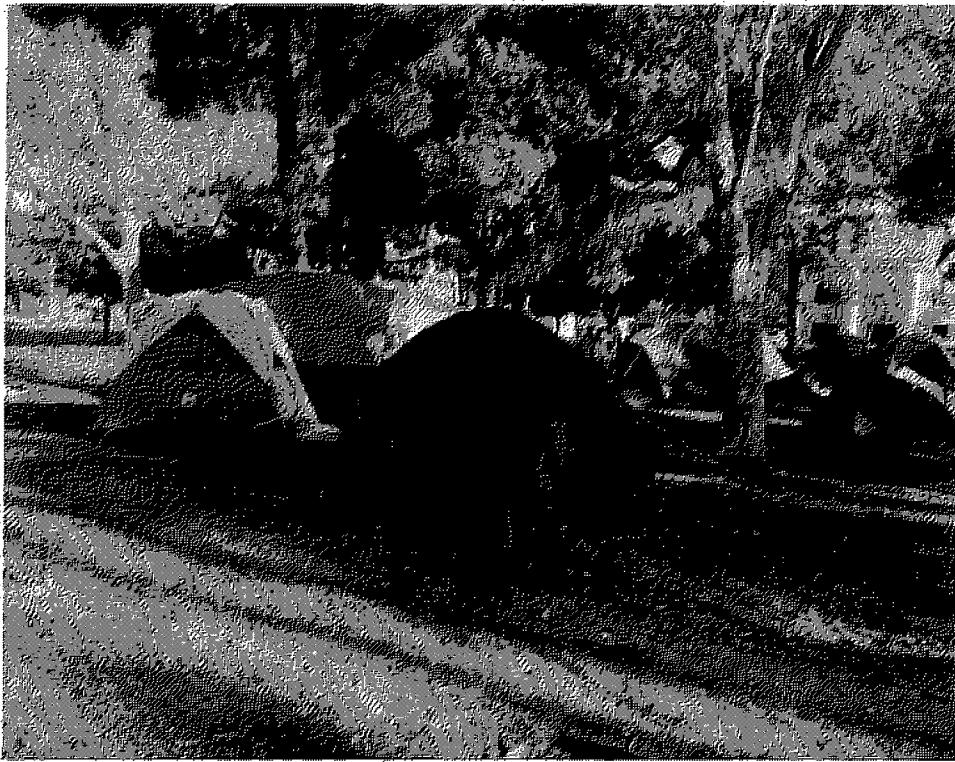
I know there's not an easy solution for our homelessness crisis, but I ask your help in enforcing the following LA City codes in Echo Park which state that: 1) Having a tent up on a street, sidewalk, or other public area is illegal from 6am to 9pm, unless it is raining or below 50 degrees and 2) It is illegal to maintain any large items that cannot fit into a 60 gallon container.

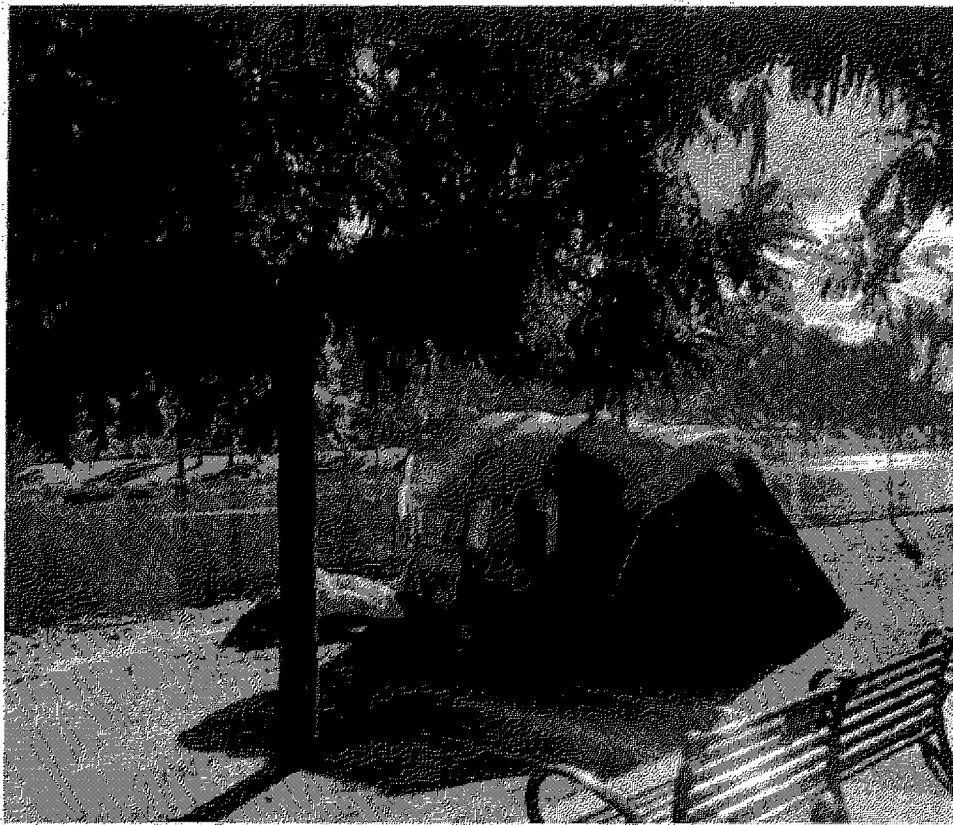
I am at your service to help as a concerned resident.

Thank you for your help and attention to this matter.









Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>
To: Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 4:16 PM

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Juan Antonio Fregoso

Field Deputy - Echo Park, Historic Filipinotown, Rampart Village, and Westlake N.

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Services for Echo Park Lake

12 messages

Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

Tue, Dec 24, 2019 at 11:49 AM

To: AP Diaz <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>, Meg Barclay <meg.barclay@lacity.org>, Ivania Sobalvarro <ivania.sobalvarro@lacity.org>, Pranita Amatya <pranita.amatya@lacity.org>
Cc: Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>

Hi All,

Our Office would like to meet with you to discuss a few options we'd like to explore for a service zone for the people experiencing homelessness at Echo Park Lake and the surrounding community. We are looking into the possibility of bringing increased services like a Mobile Pit Stop and a storage facility at the site so we'd like to meet with you all to discuss and make sure things are in order before moving forward.

We're looking at the first full week of the new year before Council starts up again (Jan 6th - 10th). Can you all please let me know your availability?

Thank you in advance!

Best,



Hector Vega

Field Deputy (Elysian Valley & Glassell Park)

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Jimmy Kim <jimmy.kim@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 27, 2019 at 8:00 AM

To: Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

Cc: AP Diaz <ap.diaz@lacity.org>, Meg Barclay <meg.barclay@lacity.org>, Ivania Sobalvarro <ivania.sobalvarro@lacity.org>, Pranita Amatya <pranita.amatya@lacity.org>, Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>, Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>, Star Parsamyan <star.parsamyan@lacity.org>, Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

Good Morning Sir,

I am including Brenda Aguirre, Emergency Management Coordinator, she oversees the RAP Unified Homeless Response Center operations. Please schedule the meeting based on everyone's convenience, one or both of us will attend based on our availability.

Thank you

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Jimmy Kim

Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Operations

Emergency Management and Aquatics Division

City of Los Angeles

Department of Recreation and Parks

Emergency Preparedness Section

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Park Proud - LA!

Meg Barclay <meg.barclay@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 2, 2020 at 3:21 PM

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+ Helene Rotolo. She'll staff this for our team. Thanks everyone!

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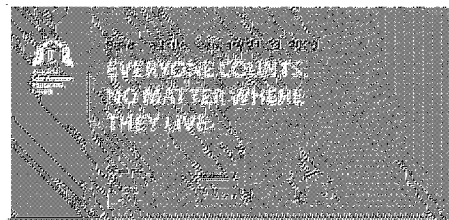
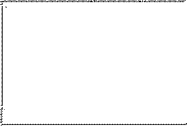
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Thanks Jimmy and Meg,

Now that the Holidays are over and we're all settling back into work I wanted to see if we could set up a meeting for 11:30 am on Thursday, January 8th at our City Hall office. Please let us know if you are able to attend.

Best,



Hector Vega

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Hello Hector,

The 8th at 11:30 is available for Jimmy and to attend, I will pencil it in while we await formal confirmation.

Thank you,

Brenda D Aguirre, Emergency Manager
Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks
Homeless Response Coordinator
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Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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Hi All,

Sorry I meant Thursday the 9th at 11:30am. Please confirm if this is okay.

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Hi Hector,

Unfortunately, there is already a scheduled meeting for Thursday from 9am-12pm but we can meet after 1pm if that would work?

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Helene Rotolo <helene.rotolo@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 12:55 PM

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1:30pm would be best for our office.

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Brenda Aguirre <brenda.aguirre@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 12:58 PM

To: Helene Rotolo <helene.rotolo@lacity.org>

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That works. Please let us know once confirmed with all.

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Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 5:02 PM

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1:30 pm works. Does this work for everybody else?

Best,



Hector Vega

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Marisol Rodriguez <marisol.rodriguez@lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 12:50 PM

To: Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org>

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Checking in, are we confirmed for this meeting? Thanks.



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Pranita Amatya <pranita.amatya@lacity.org>

Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 3:47 PM

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This time works for CLA. Thank you.

On Fri, Jan 3, 2020 at 5:03 PM Hector Vega <hector.vega@lacity.org> wrote:

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Pranita Amatya
Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst
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To: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org[councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org]; Juan Fregoso[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]
From: Michael Dickerson
Sent: Fri 1/17/2020 7:08:35 PM
Subject: Echo Park Sweep Planned for 1/24
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Hello Councilmember O'Farrell and Mr. Fregoso,

Please consider this email formal notice of the sweep scheduled for Echo Park next Friday (1/24). I've attached an image of the posting for your records.

I've been told your office was caught unaware of the last sweep there a week ago, so I wanted to make sure your office was up-to-date on these postings.

If someone could confirm receipt of this message, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks
Mike Dickerson



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To: Robert Solorio (36103@lapd.online)[36103@lapd.online]; Juan Fregoso(juan.fregoso@lacity.org)[juan.fregoso@lacity.org]; Dave Cano[david.cano@lacity.org]; Alfonso Lopez (30243@lapd.online)[30243@lapd.online]; Ruben Vargas (38825@lapd.online)[38825@lapd.online]; Donald Graham (32365@lapd.online)[32365@lapd.online]
Cc: Anthony Edwards[aedwards@parkviewlivingla.com]
From: Rick Wulfestieg
Sent: Mon 2/3/2020 4:42:13 PM
Subject: Tent placed on Parkview's Senior Living's parkway by homelessactivist Bob, from encampment in Echo Park

Good morning Officer Solorio,

Last Friday around 1:00 pm, Bob from homeless encampment moved a tent to Parkview's corner parkway on Glendale/Montrose. He had tape measure and, and has come across the street several time last week to measure parkway/ sidewalk. The following is the account:

Anthony confronted Bob by asking him to remove tent from property. He then became hostile with Anthony and other Dominique. A few minutes later the security guard came for rounds and attempted to get Bob to move belongings, he refused and became hostile to guard. Police were called and responded in twenty-minutes. Anthony, security guard, and I met with police on the corner. Bob goes into foul-mouthed rage on us, spit on female police officer and then he is cuffed. Officer Solorio was not with us, he was called, but off on Friday. LAPD backed down from a full sweep as promised last Friday. (About ten blue tents remain with homeless activists sympathetically milking media outlets stating, "Echo Park is our park and we will not go!") Two officer's stated that they would not make man remove tent or belongings, because they were afraid doing so would cause them to lose their jobs.

Sgt. Kim showed up and was hesitant to do anything. Bob threaten to "kick my ass" and called a female resident a "fxxxing bitch and was going to kick her ass." Bob as also shouting, "you want war, we will give you war." Sgt. Kim's response was to contact CD13 and place a fence around property, and could do nothing about threats. Not the answer the answers needed! We would have hoped LAPD/City wouldn't allow an encampment to be established on parkway, at the front door of a senior living center per the assurances given in the community meeting on Jan 23rd.

While Bob was cuffed, he was shouting how Solorio was his hero and understands. While you are trying to mediate between both sides. You need to encourage lawbreakers to tone it down. These tent activists in the NE corner of park have increasingly become more vocal by cursing and harassing tenants while they are on their balconies. This needs to stop! Residents are fearful to even go out or walk outside!

WE have not gone to the media as Mitch's suggested. WE have tried to keep low-key. However, contacting media remains on the table with a full orchestrated blitz that will show a different story. A story of how seniors, cancer patients, and wounded veterans lives and health are being threaten by lawbreakers.

I would appreciate a call so we could discuss further LAPD's appropriate course of action.

Thanks,

Rick Wulfestieg, [REDACTED]

From: Robert Solorio [mailto:36103@lapd.online]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 1:02 PM
To: Rick Wulfestieg; Alfonso Lopez
Cc: Ruben Vargas
Subject: Re: Appreciation of Officer Vargas and 311 APP training at Parkview

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I will be there.

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From: Rick Wulfestieg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Alfonso Lopez <30243@lapd.online>
Cc: Ruben Vargas <38825@lapd.online>; Robert Solorio <36103@lapd.online>
Subject: Appreciation of Officer Vargas and 311 APP training at Parkview

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Captain Lopez,

We want to thank you for making 311 training available to our residents of Parkview Senior Living both in English and Spanish. There was an excellent turnout of influencers yesterday. Officer Vargas was an first-rate representative as Community Service Officer of Rampart LAPD. He stayed focused on training amidst the many who wished to side track with personal complaints about homeless. Empathetic, knowledgeable, and available were characteristic of his time. The unified call of this meeting following training, was for more police presence in Park. This is where you can help.

We would like to invite You and Senior Lead Officer Solorio to Mitch O'Farrell's update on homeless in Echo Park. Mitch has confirmed January 23, Thursday, 2:00 PM, Parkview Community Room for a meeting. This will be an opportune time for residents to share their deep concerns about the lack of effective steps in CD 13 and City Hall with the homeless crisis. We have been assured from his Office that Mitch personally will be attending and not just send a field representative.

Your continued leadership and attention to the increasing safety and health hazards of homeless is appreciated. Look forward in working together with you and you team for a better quality of life for all in Echo Park.

Best regards,

Rick Wulfestieg, Parkview Senior Living Community Relations

From: Alfonso Lopez [<mailto:30243@lapd.online>]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 5:31 PM
To: Rick Wulfestieg
Subject: Re: How can I tell this story? Homeless across the street!

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Rick,

As of now Chief Joe Losorelli, Park Rangers, has not assigned a replacement for Captain Torres.

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ALFONSO LOPEZ, Captain
Commanding Officer
Rampart Area

"I pledge, as a good pedestrian, to always look left, to always look right, to always look left again, and continue looking while crossing the street."

From: Rick Wulfestieg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 5:03 PM
To: Alfonso Lopez <30243@lapd.online>; Donald Graham <32365@lapd.online>; Ruben Vargas <38825@lapd.online>; isabella.bolton.torres@lacity.org <isabella.bolton.torres@lacity.org>
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Jonathan Phillips <[REDACTED]>

Subject: FW: How can I tell this story? Homeless across the street!

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Captain Alfonso and Isabella,

Thank you again for hearing our safety, health, and criminal concerns regarding Echo Park. Would you know who has replaced Park Ranger Captain Torres? Who takes the lead in the Clean Sweep of Echo Park? LAPD or Park Ranger's, or is this a coordinated effort between the two agencies?

Isabella, what is the email for reporting illegal activity in the Park that was shared at the recent Rampart CPAB meeting?

Please read email below by a frustrated Parkview resident.

Thanks,
Rick Wulfestieg, Parkview Senior Living, Community Relations

-----Original Message-----

From: ddeangelis@blueridgeschool.com [<mailto:ddeangelis@blueridgeschool.com>]

Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 12:06 PM

To: juan.fregoso@lacity.org

Cc: Rick Wulfestieg; Rick Wulfestieg; Wood Jayne; [REDACTED] Anthony Edwards; Jeanelle T Lamance;

[REDACTED]
Subject: How can I tell this story? Homeless across the street!

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Hello,

I live in Parkview Living across the street from Echo Park. Yesterday morning during the welcome rain I went out on my balcony to enjoy the view. For months now my view has been spoiled by the scattering of tents from 6 to 33 on any given day.... Except when the park is cleared for film making or cleaning.

How can I tell this story so you understand? How can I tell this story so you will be an advocate for my health and safety ?

While looking out at our impressive skyline and park in the rain I saw a homeless man just standing there next to his tent in the rain, just standing! Until, he remembered he needed to relieve himself and he peed...right there in the rain next to his tent! He zipped his trousers up stood for awhile longer and walked around his tent.

Echo Park is not, IS NOT the answer to our cities homeless crisis! My heart is saddened to see the need. Please remember Parkview residents collect recyclables to raise funds for Laundry Love where we volunteer to help those in need have clean clothes. We are concerned! Concerned for the homeless needs and want solutions to this crisis.

However, our health and safety are being compromised!

We are a building of seniors, several who are retired military men and women, retired teachers, clergy, those who have served and been an advocate in various ways. We care!

PLEASE do what you are doing in the 20 parks we have visited in the area without any tents! We can give you the list of Parks we have visited in District 13 with out tents.

WHY JUST ECHO PARK! ?

Enforce the laws you enforce in other parks. Enforce and move quickly to find solutions. Look at other districts and cities for ideas.

Echo Park IS NOT the solution.

Sincerely,
Dolores DeAngelis
Parkview Living Resident

Sent from my iPhone